

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on July 7, 2021 in Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne St., Danville, Indiana.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were all present. Town Manager Mark Morgan and Assistant Town Manager Will lacey were present while Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the work study minutes from June 16, 2021 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the council minutes from June 16, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Proclamation: Danville Girls Softball Team**—The council adopted a proclamation recognizing the achievements of the Danville Community High School softball team for the excellence of their record 28-2 win season in 2021. The council adopted it unanimously.
 - b) **Resolution 21-2021**—This resolution would retire the Police Department’s current K-9 officer, Zeke. Chief Jim Hilton read the council a nice summary of Zeke’s career. David Winters motioned to approve the resolution and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Ordinance 10-2021**—This ordinance would authorize the creation of a BAN for the Water Department. A representative from Taft Law said that it was scheduled to close on Friday. David Winters motioned to approve the ordinance and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 18-2021**—This ordinance would rezone 408 S Cross Street from R2C TO R4. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Resolution 20-2021**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet brought forward the fiscal plan for 306 Lawton Avenue which is up for annexation. Council President Tom Pado gaveled open a public hearing and gaveled it closed shortly thereafter without anyone from the public having come forward. Chris Gearld motioned to adopt the fiscal plan and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Ordinance 19-2021**—This ordinance would annex 306 Lawton Ave. into town. It was introduced at the last meeting. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Ordinance 21-2021**—This ordinance would amend the salary ordinance owing to changes in personnel in the Fire Department and the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. Two captain’s positions in the Fire Department would be reduced to lieutenants and a Clerk-Treasurer employee was changed from a utilities deputy to a departmental floater. The ordinance was left as introduced.
 - h) **Ordinance 22-2021**—This ordinance would annex 567 N CR 300 E into town. The ordinance was left as introduced.
 - i) **Event Permit Process**—Town Manager Mark Morgan explained to the council that he had been working with the Danville Downtown Partnership to create an application process that would make it easier organizations and individuals asking for street space for events to see what dates were available. It would also eliminate a damage fee of \$250 that Mark said was unnecessary. The council consented to using this new process.
 - j) **CER: Workers Comp Insurance Renewal**—This capital expenditure would be used to renew the town’s workers compensation insurance. It is \$84,726. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve it and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - k) **CER: Pipe**—Stormwater Superintendent Barry Lofton requested a capital expenditure to purchase some pipe for various projects in his department. He said he would be back to request more in the coming year because the price of pipe is going up. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the expenditure and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- l) **CER: Gun Locks**—Police Chief Jim Hilton requested a capital expenditure in order to purchase locks for the department's guns. He explained that this was to be in compliance with a new requirement that weapons have separate locks from the ones on police vehicles in case someone successfully breaks into a vehicle. David Winters motioned to approve the expenditure and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **CER: Test Well**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison requested a capital expenditure to drill a test well. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expenditure and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark updated the council on the different departments:

Public Works: Was doing some clean-up on the aftermath of the fireworks for the 4th of July, patching around town, replacing some concrete, doing some sidewalk installation, and working with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Parks: Was doing some work on the awning at the DAC; had a meeting about a football fundraiser; was holding interviews for a recreation officer, did some work on the fountain on the square; and was taking a sidewalk project by Sycamore and Money Ln.; they also were dealing with more vandalism than normal.

Water: Was doing a lot of work in Camden Creek and Kensington; they had a water main break over the weekend; they were working on some landscaping and well drilling, as well.

Wastewater: Received their tests results back on a WET test study; they were performing L.S. checks, and did work on a bell press.

Fire: Discovered someone on Broadway attempting to burn dog feces; they had 1008 runs YTD, 51 runs for the month of July so far and 184 runs in June.

Police: Received \$1800 in seizure money and are looking for \$1000 more. Their reserve officers are in training.

Planning: There will be no RDC meeting for July. Lesa was working on the new large scanner and working with Arbor Homes.

Stormwater: Was working on several sinkholes; was doing work on Goodwill and had hired a new employee to begin work in 2 weeks.

Mark requested the council's permission to do a traffic study on Meadowood Drive to explore the possibility of lowering the speed limit to 20MPH. It would cost \$1200. He also mentioned that it is national Parks & Recreation month.

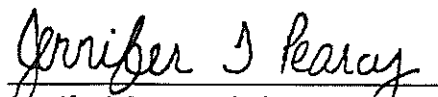
Greg expressed his regret over the loss of a former Danville police officer. He also asked Mark Morgan about the cost of Stratford Hill. Mark said it was close to \$450,000.

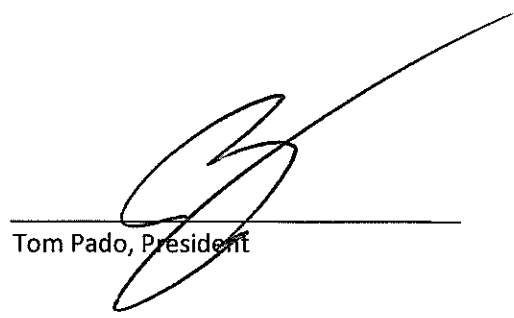
Tom mentioned that he was disappointed in the fireworks for the 4th this year and suggested that perhaps \$10,000 is not enough. He also singled Fire Chief Rob Roberts out for responding to a call while off-duty.

VII. **Claim Docket** – Chris Gearld motioned to approve the claim docket and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld motioned to adjourn and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President